

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the official action dated November 9, 2009. Consideration is respectfully requested. The Examiner indicated that the application is in condition of allowance except for formal matters. Prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 1 and claim 2. Corrective amendments have been made. Thus, the objections should be removed.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objected to at least parts of Figs. 3 and 5 as being not legible. Concerning Fig. 2, the Examiner stated that “[n]ormal 1 and patient sample D show low levels of cross hybridization to the wild –type alleles with the primers for R455X and R358X” where not legible in Fig. 2.

Upon examination of the Figures, Applicant believes the Examiner meant Fig. 5, where such patient levels are shown. Accordingly, Applicant submits new Fig. 5.

Further, applicant observed that Fig. 1 also included writing inside a “black box”, which may not be properly legible.

Accordingly, Applicant submits replacement drawings of Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Accordingly, Applicant beliefs that all issues are now resolved and the application can pass to issue.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,
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